

REPORT ON OFFICER'S DUTIES IN REGARDS TO THE PRESIDENT'S MURDER

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Friday, November 22, 1963, I was on day off. I was called by Lt. T. P. Wells at 1:30 PM to come back to work, that the President had been killed. I got to work at 2:00 PM. I worked in the office answering telephone calls until 3:30 PM. At this time I received information from Lt. Wells that Mrs. Glenn S. Holcomb, 1000 Gilpin, FE 7-2488, had received a telephone call, and a woman said, "Repeat and report the information you heard. It ties in with what just happened." Mrs. Holcomb asked the woman what number she was calling in, and she said FL 7-2488. This number was listed to Phillip Oliver, 5350 Surry Circle. I talked with Mrs. Oliver, who is a part time model. She said Mrs. Erma Austin, 1620 Cypress, BL 4-7998, had called her and was the woman who got the wrong number. The information that Mrs. Oliver gave to Mrs. Austin was as follows: Thursday, November 21, 1963, Mrs. Oliver called Mrs. Austin at BL 4-7998 and evidently was cut into a conversation that was going on between two men. They were talking about demanding some time from Governor Connally and Vice President Johnson to hear their side on a bond hearing or reasoning of property. Mrs. Oliver heard the name John Slaughter used and believed it to be one of the men that was talking. Mrs. Oliver made her call again to Mrs. Austin and told her what she had just heard. I returned to the office and worked in the office answering the telephone. About 6:00 PM, Lt. Wells gave C. W. Brown and myself information that Mr. C. J. Mc Watters was driving Piedmont Bus and was due at Commerce and Harwood at 6:15 PM. We met Mr. Mc Watters and carried him to the Detail Room. At 6:30 PM, Mr. Mc Watters made identification of Oswald as #2 man in four man line up. Mr. Mc Watter

gave me an affidavit in the Homicide Office and identified the transfer that he had given Oswald positively.

About 9:00 PM, Capt. J. W. Fritz gave me three spent 6.5 rifle shells and advised me to take them to the Crime Lab to Lt. Day and return one of them back to him. Lt. Day examined all the shells for prints and put one in an envelope that I returned to Capt. Fritz. While I was at the Crime Lab., Lt. Day showed me the 6.5 rifle, and I wrote a description from the rifle. I returned to the office and was in Capt. Fritz's office when Det. J. B. Hicks, and Pete Barnes made paraffin cast of Lee Harvey Oswald's hands and face. I got off duty about 2:00 AM, November 23, 1963.

I returned to duty November 23, 1963, 9:45 AM and worked in the office answering telephone calls. At 2:15 PM I was present in the Assembly Room when cab driver, William W. Whaley, 619 Pine Street, Lewisville, Texas, identified Lee Harvey Oswald as the man he picked up at the Greyhound Bus Station, November 22, 1963, about 1:00 PM and carried to the 500 Block of North Beckley. Mr. Whaley identified Lee Harvey Oswald as #3 man in four man line up. Mr. Whaley came up to the third floor and gave an affidavit in the Auto Theft Office. Bill Alexander, Assistant District Attorney, was present at the show up, and when Mr. Whaley gave affidavit. Det. C. W. Brown and myself returned Mr. Whaley to 610 South Akard, and then took Bill Alexander to the District Attorney's office.